

CHILD MALTREATMENT RISK LEVELS

Don't ask yourself..... 'what if I am wrong'

Ask yourself..... 'what if I am right'

MILD	
Examples	Connection to Legislation and Law
Yelling or shouting at a child	Children and Community Services Act 2004 (WA) Regulation 155 Law 166, 167
Discriminating against a child based on gender, age, race or disability	The Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA) Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)
Excluding a child from activities	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Isolating a child	Law 166, 167
Disregarding/ignoring a child's voice or needs	Regulation 155
Refusing sleep and rest needs	Regulation 84A
Absence of supervision	Law 165, 167
Negative Interactions with children – i.e. lack of reciprocity, criticism, rejection, violation of privacy	Regulation 155

MODERATE	
Examples	Connection to Legislation and Law
Neglect of Hygiene over time	Children and Community Services Act 2004 (WA)
Belittling a child, public shaming, name calling or threatening children	Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (WA) Regulation 155 Law 166, 167
Lack of appropriate medical assistance when required	Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (WA)
Withholding water or food	National Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167 Regulation 78 (2)
Restraining a child in a cot or low chair (Length of time, multiple occasions)	Law 166
Restraining a child using rope, tape, etc	Regulation 155 Law 166,167
Exposing a child to alcohol, tobacco (vape)	Regulation 82 (1) Law 167

SEVERE	
Examples	Connection to Legislation and Law
Sexual abuse	Children and Community Services Act 2004 Section 124B Mandatory Reporting
Beating, punching, slapping a child	Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (WA)
Strangling or suffocating a child	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Shaking, throwing or pushing a child	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Biting, pinching or scratching a child	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Scalding or burning a child	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Dragging a child by their clothes or body parts	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Lifting a child in the air and dangling them by a body part	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Locking a child in a cupboard	Regulation 155 Law 166,167
Exposing children to violence	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Forcing a child to drink alcohol, smoke tobacco (use vape)	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 165 • Section 166 • Section 167
Repeated Abuse of any level	

Please note: These lists are not exhaustive